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Re: Docket Number 98P-0151/CP1

Gentlemen:

Please grant petition 98P-1051/CP1 to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals. Aside from the incredible cruelty these animals must endure, which is reason enough to grant the petition, the health risks to humans are considerable.

Animals too sick to even stand should not be allowed into the human food chain. Since downed animals are a small percentage of the livestock slaughtered, prohibiting their marketing would not have a great economic impact on the industry. Since, by the admission of industry experts, 90% of the downed animals can be eliminated through proper handling and better care, the granting of this petition would be a positive incentive to implement changes.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

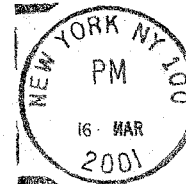
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